

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 February 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE15/128) - 457 Statistics - Programme 1.1 Border Management (Administered)

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

Why did the Assistant Minister's office provide The Australian exclusive information that appeared in the paper on 11 December 2014 on 457 statistics that had not been publicly available prior to that date?

Will the Government be publishing this information on a regular basis?

Answer:

It is standard practice for the Department and Minister's offices to interact regularly with media outlets and to respond to media inquiries.

The Department publishes 457 statistics and reviews the nature of published information quarterly.